



## Dave Prochaska

November 3, 1956 - May 6, 2011

Memorial services for DAVE PROCHASKA, 54, will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 2pm at Light House Ministries with Pastor Rick Carroll officiating. Dave died on May 6, 2011 and cremation has taken place. A scattering of ashes will take place at a private family location. Those who wish may direct memorial contributions to "Chopper", Dave's Foundation for Animals. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends are invited to send condolences to the family at <http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com> Dave was born on November 3, 1956 in Norfolk, Nebraska the son of Marvin and Jody (Peters-Lambert) Prochaska. He grew up and received his education at Pierce, Nebraska; graduating high school there in 1974. He married Beverly Pettit right out of high school. The couple had two children, Kasey and Konnie and then later divorced. During his life with Bev, Dave worked at various jobs, welding at Tempte Manufacturing at Wayne, Nebraska and farming in the Norfolk area until going to work for Fruehauf of Omaha where he built transport trailers and tanks. Dave also built oil rig components. In 1991, Dave met the love of his life, Darla Wiese, and the couple were together for five years when a freak accident took her from him. But during those years, Dave took up residential and commercial flooring and began his own company of "DZ Floors" in Norfolk, Nebraska. Dave later married Dianne Mielke in Norfolk and he continued his flooring business while doing side jobs of welding, construction, and anything else a friend might need. He and Dianne later divorced and in 2002 Dave moved to Torrington, Wyoming where he worked for Taylor's Carpet in Scottsbluff, Nebraska until they closed. He then contracted through Anderson Carpet of Lingle, Wyoming and also did independent flooring under Pro Floors. Dave was proficient at carpet, vinyl, tile and loved his work until ill health forced him to stop work in March of 2011. Dave was a Harley enthusiast and loved riding his Harley. He liked working on motorcycles, cars, and anything with a motor. He enjoyed welding, carpentry, old westerns, farming and his tractors; but he mostly loved hanging out with his buddies. He was a member of the Moose Club and the Torrington ABATE club. Dave took pride in everything he did and there was no job he couldn't do. He had no enemy and he was a friend to all he met. He loved helping his friends and he was dearly loved by his friends and family. He will be missed He is survived by his son, Kasey (Eryn) Prochaska of Plainview, Nebraska; his daughter, Konnie Prochaska of Hawaii; his sister, Jan Alexander of Torrington, WY; three brothers and sis

ters-in-law; Paul and Kathy Prochaska of Welfleet, Nebraska, Russ and Judy Prochaska of Fairfield, Nebraska; and Mike and Amy Prochaska of Seattle, Washington; three grandchildren, Jayna Prochaska, Zion Olivia, and Zander Manuel; and his best friend, Chris Alexander of Torrington He was preceded in death by his grandparents, his father Marvin, his mother Jody Lambert (who was Mom to all who knew her), and his one true love, Darla.

# Comments

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“ Dave was one in a million, he could stand back and watch a machine work, walk up and fix it, very few can do that. We worked together at Beef America, wow what a welder, and when he quit to pursue flooring, I lol at him and said you will be back. I know of no one who could do flooring and wall paper, did I mention wall paper?. Dave was one of the best friends a person could ask to know. To this day I truly miss you Dave. Rest in peace as you will have many friends in heaven.

**mark** - April 21 at 05:58 PM

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“ Condolences to you Jan. I know this is a very hard time for you. Thinking of you and sending you love and prayers.

**Jo Butler** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dave you were a wonderful person and a very good friend and you will be missed. Your corky sense of humor and your love for animals. Like we have always said, you will always hold a special place in my heart and soul. love you Dian

**Diane Mielke** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am sorry for the loss of your father. I know he will be missed by all who knew him. I am keeping all of those that knew him in my prayers. Remeber the Great memories that surrounded him.

**Janneil Knox** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ My prayers go out to all members of Daves family. Had the pleasure of attending high school with them and each of them was filled with such life!! Will miss you Dave. Take care and watch over all who are left behind.

**Jeanne (Peters) Albrecht** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Dave's family at this time and always. May God keep all of you in His blessed and healing hands.

**Jean (Planer) Lippman** - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM